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NEGRO EDITORS AND REPORTERS HOLD SESSION IN MUSKOGEE

National Press Association Will Inaugurate Code Service for Telegraph Report.

Muskogee, Okla., Aug. 17, 1914.—(Special).—With a good attendance and well-laid plans for a successful session, representatives of the Negro press throughout the United States, comprising the National Negro Press association, are in the city today. They are here for the annual association of newspaper men. The session will consume Monday and Tuesday of this week. An Executive Committee meeting was held this morning; President John H. Murphy, Editor of the Afro-American Ledger, Baltimore, Md., presided by courtesy of Mr. N. B. Dodson, chairman of the Executive Committee, and Editor of the Afro-American Page of Brooklyn, N. Y., while Henry A. Boyd, corresponding secretary, assumed the duties of Recording Secretary of the Executive Committee meeting. Among the things taken up in the Executive Committee meeting and approved with recommendations to the association proper, was the program for the present session and the recommendations that were brought over from the midwinter session.

It was stated today that the largest attendance in the history of the association would be present at this meeting—reported a membership for the present year of one hundred and twenty-eight, an increase of twenty-six over last year. The changes recommended to the Executive Committee by the midwinter session, which was held at Nashville, Tenn., will be the increase of the annual membership fee, so that it will cover the operating expense of the association; the making of two classes of members so as to differentiate between publishers, editors, managers, correspondents and owners.

Other matters of importance that will be taken up will be laid before the Association by the Committee on Code Service, composed of Joseph L. Jones, Editor of the Fraternal Monitor and one of the Vice Presidents of the Association, and Henry A. Boyd, the Corresponding Secretary. This committee is at work, preparing a cipher code book, which will be placed in the

hands of every member of the Association, enabling them to send important news items through cipher messages that can be interpreted only by members of the association.

Another committee to report will be the committee on advertising and plate service. This committee consists of W. E. King, Editor of the Dallas Express, Dallas, Texas; B. J. Davis, Editor of the Louisiana Baptist, Alexandria, La., and R. H. Boyd, Secretary of the National Baptist Publishing Board, and Business Manager of the National Baptist Union-Review, Nashville, Tenn. It was understood that an elaborate type-written report, setting forth plans for the feasibility of operating an up-to-date plate service, and for putting the Advertising business on a paying and higher basis for all Negro publications, was submitted to and recommended for passage by the Executive Committee. A committee on boosting the organization, composed of Melville J. Chisum, Editor of the Tribune, Baltimore, Md.; A. N. Johnson, Editor of the Mobile Press, Mobile, Ala., and Joseph A. Booker, Editor of the Vanguard, Little Rock, Ark., is also to report.

The Corresponding Secretary's report was also submitted to the Executive Committee. The report shows that he has written and sent out five thousand letters and circulars to the newspaper publishers and business men since the last annual meeting; that reciprocal news service had not only been established on a feasible plan, but properly inaugurated; that a leather-bound book as a guide to operating the service had been prepared and sent out to members of the Association, and that the proceedings of the annual session, with a copy of the constitution and By-Laws had been printed and sent out, together with minutes of the midwinter session; that the association had obtained recognition from the leading telegraph companies of the world; that special press cards, known as collection cards, have been issued to members of the Association, through the influence brought to bear by the Corresponding Secretary, that will assist in maintaining telegraphic service, so that important news happenings may be transmitted between the several papers when it is too late for them to be reached with a regular news letter; and that a metal badge that is to be

recognized by the city, county and state officials, has been made and presented to each member of the organization.

It is not known today whether there are any changes to be made in the officials of the organization, but the working plans of the construction of the entire organization seem paramount among the newspaper men who have thus far arrived. Nearly every state is represented on the program just adopted by the committee, which is being passed around in printed form.

The Local Committee, under the chairmanship of Mr. H. A. Clark, Editor of the Wagoner American, Wagoner, Okla., assisted by the newspaper men in the state and the citizens in general, have made arrangements for the entertainment of the "quill-pushers" in the present session. It was stated this morning that the western newspaper men were a unit in their endorsement of the work thus far accomplished.

A feature of this year's session that has not heretofore been in evidence will be the Exhibit Department. Copies of every journal published for, by or in the interest of the race are on exhibition and will remain throughout the session. A deep interest is manifested in this display, as many of the publishers and editors have not seen some of these publications.

J. L. LOCKARD.

The object of this sketch is J. L. Lockard, hotel and cafe proprietor of Tulsa.

Mr. Lockard was born at Lockard, Texas, January 10, 1888. He lived there with his parents until he was 7 years old, moving then to Austin, Texas, where he attended the public school till he was 15 years old. After a few months in Houston, Texas, he moved with his parents to Muskogee, I. T., where he was engaged in cooking, at which he received \$125 per month. He followed this till 1905.

He married Miss Rinnie Hawkins, a Creek native, in August, 1905, and went to the farm, which life he followed 7 years. Three boys were born to this couple, all of them now living.

Last year Mr. Lockard rented his farm out and moved to Tulsa, where he opened a hotel and cafe. This business is within one block of the

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